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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

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A transformant carrying the DNA according to claim 1.

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A method for producing a protein, said method comprising the steps of 5. culturing the transformant according to claim 3 and recovering the expressed protein from said transformant or the culture supernatant thereof.

A method of screening for a compound which binds to a protein, said 7. method comprising the steps of:

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